

BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

FORWARD PASS FEATURE OF 1916 FOOTBALL

By Mark Shields

Football coaches this season are making more radical departures from the old style of attack than ever before in gridiron history and games of the present season will show a marvelous development of open-style play. This means added interest for the followers of the sport, who will be able to follow the plays and know at all times what is going on.

This new system will be as prominent in the east as in the west, according to every indication, and even in this section many coaches who received their training with eastern universities are throwing away traditions. Men who learned the game here—Zupke for an example—have known the value of the forward pass for a long time and have employed it with good results. Stagg, eastern trained, has now swung to the long throw as a point winner.

In the Indiana-Chicago game Saturday, which the Maroons won, thereby upsetting all the dope, Stagg's pupils used the forward pass frequently and it was one of the best ground-gaining devices of the afternoon.

Colgate, an eastern team, in defeating Illinois, depended mainly on the long toss and were even better at it than the Illini, who have been prepped at this angle of the game ever since Zupke took charge three years ago.

The east was slow to adopt the forward pass, as it was against all tradition. It did not know the full value of the play until Notre Dame went east two years ago and swamped the Army. Army immediately adopted the play and with it defeated Navy in the same season.

Now Princeton, Yale and even

Harvard are working with the plan. In the Tufts game Saturday, which the Tigers won by a field goal, Speedy Rush's people fell back on the forward time after time for long gains. Yale also employed it and Harvard gave the play a few whiffs, though in a more conservative manner than its two leading rivals.

On the basis of comparative scores the past week's games showed very little. Princeton defeated Tufts, which had whipped Harvard. The Tigers had a better attack than the 3-to-0 score indicates. Yale again built its attack about Legore. Harvard uncovered a fine fullback in Casey, who was a reminder of Eddie Mahan.

Out here Chicago's upset of Indiana was the outstanding feature. Agar was the big star for the Maroons, running the ball well and punting for surprisingly good gains. The battle eliminated the Hoosiers from the Conference title, but they are by no means through. Power is evident in the eleven.

Chicago still has many weak spots and some rough edges that must be polished before the team can hope to cope with Minnesota and Wisconsin, which look like the best teams in the Conference this fall. Both won Saturday by easy scores. Purdue and Iowa were also winners.

Colgate's defeat of Illinois showed that Zupke still has much work before him. He has lost many good men and the task of replacing them may be too much for one season. Macomber is as good as ever and scored the only Illini points with his toe.

Coats Doig, Spring Valley lightweight pugilist, is playing football this fall with Spring Valley. Yesterday he made a 70-yard run for a touchdown when his team beat Streator, 70 to 0.

Some other pugs better known than Doig have made longer runs, and within a 24-foot square.